



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

In God's name . . . Build, Belong, Serve. It's Our Legacy!



December 2022

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Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday School & Worship

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Column

I believe this year has been one of the most challenging years. The pandemic has been still bothering our lives in every aspect. We have been shocked by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Then, we mourn with those young victims in Uvalde. Now, we are experiencing denominational splits, high inflation, supply chain issues, and an economic crisis. We have been surrounded by bad news these days. We definitely live in a challenging time.

Meanwhile, we have continuously experienced God's guidance and protection during this year. We have kept gathering together to worship, pray, and serve. We had The Chosen study, garage sale, Lenten Gospel readings, VBS, Mission trip, WOW, Lord's Day festival, the 85th anniversary and homecoming, etc. While our ministries and activities may not be fancier or bigger than what mega-churches do, we continue to make disciples of Christ in our realm with God's help.

The prophet Micah reminds us of the promise by saying, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times." (Micah 5:2, NIV)

Though we may be small and each of us may be little, we are with Christ all the time. As we are entering the season of Advent and Christmas, I hope you will re-discover the meaning of Christmas so that you and your family may be filled with heavenly joy by proclaiming the good news, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!"

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han

United Women of Faith



Our UMF Christmas Party will be Monday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m.

Bring-a-dish, we will have a potluck dinner.



Bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$20.

Veterans Day Observed—Nov. 13



We recognized those that have served in the military on Sunday November 13, by having them stand during the service. We also took a photo of those that have served and were in attendance.



Youth News

By Shannon Goretska

The Youth of Ferris Heights UMC went on a confirmation retreat November 19 & 20th. It was very inspirational for both youth and adults.

Thank you for supporting the Youth of Ferris Heights UMC. Here are a few photos from the retreat.



Sermon Series

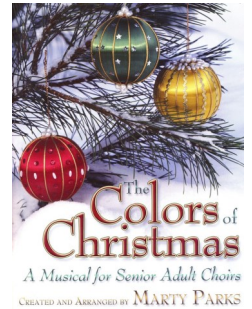
- 12/4/2022 Luke 2:8-14
Rediscovering Christmas: Our Savior
- 12/11/2022 Matthew 1:18-25
Rediscovering Christmas: Emmanuel
- 12/18/2022 John 1:1-5
Rediscovering Christmas: The Light of the World
- 12/24/2022 Luke 2:8-20
Rediscovering Christmas: He is Born!
- 12/25/2022 Matthew 2:1-12
Rediscovering Christmas: Are you longing for Him?

Advent and Christmas Worship



Children's Christmas Program

December 11
10:00 a.m.



Choir Cantata

December 18
10:00 a.m.



Christmas Eve Service Candlelight, Communion & Family

December 24
2:00 p.m.



Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.

Pictures With Santa

- December 11—10:00 a.m.
- December 18—10:00 a.m.
- December 24—2:00 p.m.
after worship service

Bring your camera or phone



Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders:

Dec. 4 Meg Varner
 Dec. 11 Gerald Reed
 Dec. 18 Nancy Cannaday
 Dec. 25 Karen Lawton

Children's Time:

Karen Lawton
 Ruth Shugart
 Shannon Goretska
 Dianna Robertson

Worship leaders are needed for future months. Worship Leaders will lead the congregation in the Call to Worship, Hymn singing, & reading of the Scripture for the day. Sign up by writing your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the stairs or by contacting Lay Leader, Ruth Shugart.

Lock up schedule in December:
 December—Karen Lawton



December Mission:

Night of Wonder (N.O.W.)

A Night of Wonder is coming. FHUMC will volunteer to sponsor disadvantaged children by providing gifts (\$25 maximum per child), \$10 for a meal and at least 5 people to work at the event. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the gifts & meals to parents.



Ring Bell for Salvation Army

We will be ringing the bell at Walmart on Saturday December 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to ring the bell, please see the sign up sheet in both sanctuary foyers. You may choose times in 30 minute increments. Wear cheerful holiday clothes (apron provided). Bring a chair.



November 29, 2022 Finance

YTD Connectional Giving 100% Paid

Income \$15,143 Expense \$16,488

YTD AVG Worship Attendance

	June 22	July 22	Aug. 22	Sept. 22	Oct. 22	Nov. 22
In Person	62	58	58	58	57	57
Online	61	58	58	57	57	59



December

Jimmy Lewis 02
 Keeley Robertson 03
 Justin Fox 06
 Leda Lewis 08
 Leslie Campbell 09
 Nick Machuca 09
 Jackie Aday 10
 Mary Lou Shipley 10
 Carolyn Jenkins 11
 Ann Moir 11
 Bob Robertson 13
 Aliza Thomas 15
 Neil Baldwin 17
 Danielle Merrell 19
 David Lundeen 19
 Charles Waller 19
 Cheryl Wilson 19
 Sally Baker 22
 Ruth Blanton 22
 Gary Bishop 29
 Simon O'Rear 29

January

Vela Brown 01
 Lexi Baker 04
 Scotty Jenkins 04
 Gracen Daughtry 04
 Jordan Lynch 06
 Helen Brock 06
 Kris Alden 09
 Lane Johnson 09
 Erica (Lilly) Ray 10
 Ross Clayton 11
 Vicki Kelsey 12
 Samuel Goretska 16
 Steve Loftis 18
 John Flanagan 18
 Jennifer Lira 28
 Angie Merrell 29
 Chris Campbell 30



Monthly FHUMC Activities:

Cut out and place on your fridge

Monday & Wednesday's—Quilting 10:00 a.m.

Calendar for December 2022

- December 5 UWF Christmas Party/Wesley Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- December 10 Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart.
- December 11 Children's Christmas Program during worship.
- December 11 Youth Christmas Party, 5:00 p.m.
- December 12 Member Care Christmas Party, 1:00 p.m.
- December 13 Night of Wonder (N.O.W.).
- December 13 Searchers Class Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m.
- December 18 Choir Cantata during worship service.
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 2:00 p.m.
- December 25 Worship service, 10:00 a.m.
- December 26 Christmas Holiday, office closed.
- January 1 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.



Santa

December 11—10:00 a.m.
 December 18—10:00 a.m.
 December 24—2:00 p.m.
 after worship service

TRUNK OR TREAT 2022



Missions:



Met our Goal!
Gravy packets for
Thanksgiving
baskets
for
Waxahachie
CARE



Gifting the Military Bags (packaged on W.O.W. Sunday) to *Jesus Love & Hope Mission* in Killeen, Texas.
In the photo are: *Scott Green, Deborah Green, Pastor Steve Choi & Rev. John Han.*



All Saints Sunday. Special altar candles lit during communion.



Happy 90th Birthday to Patricia Kelsey

RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED